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Midwest Natural
Resources Group

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
U.S. COAST GUARD
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
and
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

Concerning: Management of Invasive Species

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to establish a collaborative working relationship among the Midwest Natural Resources Group (MNRG) members (identified above and collectively referred to here as “the agencies”) in addressing non-native invasive species. We acknowledge the need to prevent the introduction and spread of non-native invasive species to prevent the environmental damage and adverse economic impacts invasive species can cause. This MOA is intended to facilitate efficient and effective management of invasive species in the Midwest.

We agree to work together to manage non-native invasive species by prudent application of our current laws and regulations and resources while maintaining the missions of our agencies. These authorities along with our readiness to collaborate with non-federal partners, and the diversity of expertise among our agencies and partners provide a strong foundation to build a successful program to manage invasive species.

Under this Memorandum of Agreement the agencies agree to:

- Support the *National Invasive Species Management Plan - Meeting the Invasive Species Challenge* (2001) of the National Invasive Species Council. The national management plan identifies nine action areas as priorities with equal importance: leadership and coordination, prevention, early detection and rapid response, control and management, restoration, international cooperation, research, information management, and education and public awareness.
- Implement the MNRG's *Action Plan for Addressing Terrestrial Invasive Species within the Great Lakes Basin* (the *Action Plan*) which closely parallels the National Invasive Species Council's 2001 *Management Plan*. The *Action Plan* is adaptable to other parts of the MNRG area.
- In accordance with the "Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Resolution" of December 12, 2005, support the Collaboration's recommended actions regarding aquatic invasive species as identified in the *Strategy to Restore and Protect the Great Lakes*.
- Promote increased collaboration and efficiency among federal and non-federal partners to address invasive species issues by working cooperatively to share professional expertise, information, and methodologies and treatment protocols.
- Enhance coordination among agencies for invasive species management by leveraging expertise and resources to work together on projects and work products to provide the most benefit with the greatest efficiency and timeliness.

Authority

Executive Order 13112 (1999) directs federal agencies to address invasive species concerns and to refrain from actions likely to increase invasive species problems. The National Invasive Species Council was formed to coordinate federal agency efforts under a National Invasive Species Management Plan.

Executive Order 13340 (2004) established the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force and promotes a regional collaboration with regard to the Great Lakes.

We enter into this MOA to work within our existing authorities (current and new authorities, if enacted) to manage invasive species.

Administration

Nothing in this MOA will be construed as affecting the authorities of the participating agencies or as binding beyond their respective authorities or to require any of the agencies to obligate or expend funds unless a participant volunteers to do so.

This MOA shall expire 5 years from the date of the last signature unless it is extended or renewed by the signatories.

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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Commander, Mississippi River Valley Division Date

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Commander, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division Date

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Regional Director, Midwest Region Date

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

State Director, Eastern States Date

U.S. COAST GUARD

Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District Date

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Regional Administrator, Region V Date

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Manager, Great Lakes Region Date

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Regional Director, Region V Date

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Director of Field Services – North Date

U.S FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Regional Director, Region 3 Date

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Regional Forester, Eastern Region Date

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Acting Regional Hydrologist, Northeastern Region Date

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Director, Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab. Date

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Regional Director, Midwest Region Date

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Regional Assistant Chief, Central Date